

**U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION  
CAFRA SEIZED ASSET CLAIM FORM**

Name: Fares Albaehr Case Number: 2022150300012801  
Address: c/o Steven Trapp, Esq. Telephone No: (216) 308 7333  
1297 Pearl Rd.  
Brunswick OH 44212

**IMPORTANT: BE SURE TO COMPLETE ALL PARTS BELOW.  
THIS CLAIM FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CLAIMANT HIS OR HER  
SELF, NOT BY THE ATTORNEY OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE ACTING  
ON BEHALF OF THE CLAIMANT.**

As authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(2)(A), I request that the Government file a complaint for forfeiture on the seized property described below:

**PART I**

List all the items in which you claim an interest. Include sufficient information to identify the items, such as serial numbers, make and model numbers, aircraft tail numbers, photographs, and so forth. Attach additional sheets of paper if more space is needed.  
- See attached statement

**PART II**

State your interest in each item of property listed above. Attach additional sheets of paper if more space is needed.  
- included in attached statement referenced above,

**PART III (ATTESTATION AND OATH)**

I attest and declare *under penalty of perjury* that the information provided in support of my claim is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fares Albaehr 8/15/2023  
Name (Print) Date

Fares Albaehr  
Signature

A FALSE STATEMENT OR CLAIM MAY SUBJECT A PERSON TO PROSECUTION UNDER 18 U.S.C. § 1001 AND/OR 1621 AND IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE AND UP TO FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

GOVERNMENT EXHIBIT

(ATT 8-H: Revised November 2014)

**ELECTION OF PROCEEDINGS - CAFRA FORM**

NOTE: READ THE ATTACHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INFORMATION FOR CLAIMANTS BEFORE YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM. THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (CBP) AT FPF OFFICE, 1901 CROSS BEAM DR., CHARLOTTE, NC 28217.

I understand that property in which I have an interest has been seized by CBP/U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) under case number 2022150300012801.

Check ONLY ONE (1) of the following choices:

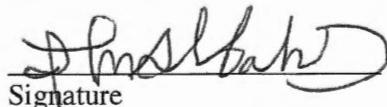
- 1. I REQUEST THAT CBP CONSIDER MY PETITION ADMINISTRATIVELY BEFORE FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS ARE INITIATED.** My petition is attached. By making this request, I understand that I can request, in writing, that my case be referred for judicial forfeiture proceedings at any time prior to the completion of the administrative forfeiture proceedings or as set forth in the notice of seizure. If I choose to wait for an administrative decision on my petition, my deadline for filing a claim as required by 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(2)(B) is 60 days from the date of the petition decision; or, if I choose to file a supplemental petition, my deadline for filing a claim as required by 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(2)(B) is 60 days from the date of the supplemental petition decision. If I file a complete "Seized Asset Claim" form or other claim consistent with the requirements of 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(2)(C), CBP consideration of my petition will stop and the case will be sent to the United States Attorney's Office for judicial forfeiture proceedings.
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- 3. I ABANDON ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST I MAY HAVE IN THE PROPERTY.** I understand that no additional notice about future proceedings concerning the property will be provided to me.
- 4. I AM FILING A CLAIM AND REQUESTING THAT CBP REFER THE CASE FOR COURT ACTION.** Please send the case to the U.S. Attorney for court action. I have fully completed, signed and attached a "Seized Asset Claim" form. I understand that if I have not fully completed this form, or otherwise made a proper claim and request for judicial forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(2)(C) within 35 days after the date the notice of seizure was mailed, CBP will treat any submission as a petition for relief without the ability to seek future judicial forfeiture proceedings.

Fares Albahr

Name (Print)

8/15/2023

Date



Signature

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
CAFRA SEIZED ASSET CLAIM FORM**

**PROPERTY LIST**

Please let this serve as the Petition Fares Faisal Albahr's list of property, which he is the owner of:

- \$41,691.00 U.S. Dollars
- A blue notebook
- iPhone 13 pro 1 Terabyte
- iPhone 13 pro max 256 gb
- iPhone 12 Pro Max 256 gb
- iPhone XS 256 gb
- iPhone xmax 256 gb
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Fares ALBAHR

Name (Print)

07-27-2022

Date

[Signature]  
Signature

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**July 28, 2022**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
FPF Office  
Terese A. Weaver/Angela Holt  
1901 Cross Beam Dr.  
Charlotte, NC 28217

Via Email: ANGELA.M.HOLT@CBP.DHS.GOV

RE: *Case Number: 2022150300012801*

Dear Ms. Holt and Ms. Weaver:

Please let this letter serve as the Petition of Fares Faisal Albahr seeking remission of Mr. Albahr's personal property, \$41,691 in US Currency, seized from him on or about May 13, 2022 in Nash County North Carolina. Mr. Albahr also had the following property seized on this date:

- A blue notebook
- iPhone 13 pro 1 Terabyte
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There was no basis to seize and subject to forfeiture the property of Mr. Albahr under 18 USC 981(a)(1)(A), 18 USC 1956(c)(7)(A), 18 USC 1961(1)(B), 18 USC 2342 – Trafficking in Contrabrand Cigarettes or Smokeless Tobacco – or 18 USC 981(a)(1)(C), 18 USC 1956(c)(7), 18 USC 1961(1) – Proceed of Unlawful Activity.

Neither Nash County, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), or U.S. Customs and Border Protection have provided any evidence in support of the allegations that Mr. Albahr has violated the federal statutes cited in the Notice of Seizure and Information to Claimants CAFRA Form.

As there was no basis to seize Mr. Albahr's personal property and no evidence has been produced to support the forfeiture of this property, the property must be returned to Mr. Albahr immediately.

Mr. Albahr comes from a wealthy and large family in Yemen. He personally owns a significant amount of land in Yemen. Moreover, he has many business contacts from the Yemeni

community in the USA. Mr. Albahr is a respected mediator in the Yemeni community. He has mediated domestic and business disputes in New York City. On that date he was pulled over and his property seized Mr. Albahr was in transit to a mediation of a business transaction in North Carolina. He had in fact considered to invest and become a part of the business. As a result of all Mr. Albahr's phones being seized he was not able to attend that mediation.

Mr. Albahr recently became a U.S. Citizen and he is seeking to invest money and increase his business interests in the USA. Much of Mr. Albahr's family and friends are entrepreneurs with the financial means and experience to assist him in starting a business. It is common in Mr. Albahr's family and community to loan money to be repaid in the future at 0% interest. Mr. Albahr's credit and reputation are being damaged by the ongoing seizure of his personal property.

In consideration of this petition Mr. Albahr respectfully requests that all personal property belonging to him be remitted to him promptly.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Trapp  
Attorney for Fares Faisal Albahr

I affirm that all of the above is true and accurate.

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Fares Albahr

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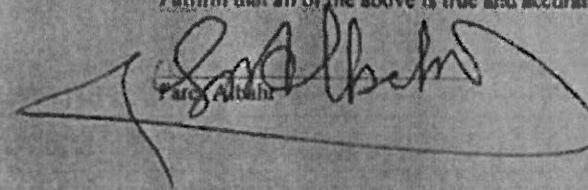
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Attorney for Fares Faisal Albahr

I affirm that all of the above is true and accurate.

  
Fares Faisal Albahr

State of Ohio

County of Cuyahoga

AFFIDAVIT

I, Mohamed Al-Nathem, first being duly sworn according to law, deposes and states the following is True:

1. My relationship to Fares Faisal Albahr is as follows: Cousin

2. I loaned Fares Faisal Albahr \$ 7,000 Seven thousand dollars on or about 5/10/22 2022. The purpose of this personal loan was for:

To open small business to  
work in and make a living.

*The undersigned hereby affirms that the statements made in the foregoing affidavit are true. Affiant further sayeth nought.*

NAME: Mohamed Al-Nathem  
ADDRESS: 117 Saxon Lane  
Albrightsville, PA 18210

SIGNATURE: 

NOTARY PUBLIC

Before me personally appeared Mohamed Al-Nathem who sworn to and  
subscribed to the above in my presence this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: NONE

State of Ohio  
County of Cuyahoga

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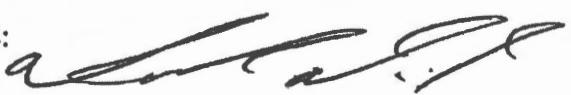
I, Abraham Al-Bahr, first being duly sworn according to law, deposes and states the following is True:

1. My relationship to Fares Faisal Albahr is as follows: Cousin.

2. I loaned Fares Faisal Albahr (\$ 9,500) Nine Thousands and Five Hundreds \$ . on or about May, 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The purpose of this personal loan was for: Opening a small business.

*The undersigned hereby affirms that the statements made in the foregoing affidavit are true. Affiant further sayeth nought.*

NAME: Abraham AL-Bahr  
ADDRESS: 8133 Greenwood View dr # 803  
Parma, OH 44129

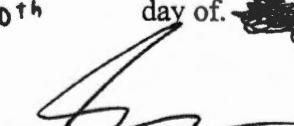
SIGNATURE: 

NOTARY PUBLIC

Before me personally appeared Abraham Al-Bahr who sworn to and subscribed to the above in my presence this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.



STEVEN J. TRAPP  
Attorney At Law  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF OHIO  
My Commission Has  
No Expiration Date  
Section 147.03 O.R.C.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: None

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, IBRAHIM YAFEA, first being duly sworn according to law, deposes and states the following is True:

1. My relationship to Fares Faisal Albahr is as follows: Close Friend

2. I loaned Fares Faisal Albhar \$ 17,000 in separate transactions.

on or about May, 7th 2022. The purpose of this personal loan was for: Opening a small business. And to buy land from him in future.

*The undersigned hereby affirms that the statements made in the foregoing affidavit are true. Affiant further sayeth nought.*

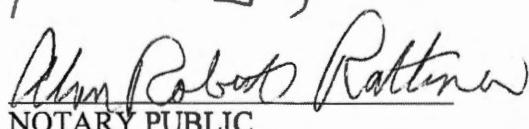
NAME: Ibrahim Yafea  
ADDRESS: 18520 Hillside Ave  
Jamaica, NY, 11432

SIGNATURE: 

NOTARY PUBLIC

Before me personally appeared Ibrahim Yafea who swore to and  
subscribed to the above in my presence this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

**ALAN ROBERT RATTNER**  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No: 01RA3211825  
QUALIFIED IN KINGS COUNTY 23  
Commission Expires May 31, 2023

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Ohio  
County of Cuyahoga

AFFIDAVIT

I, Nader ALBAHR, first being duly sworn according to law, deposes and states the following is True:

1. My relationship to Fares Faisal Albahr is as follows: Cousin
2. I loaned Fares Faisal Albahr \$9,000, Nine Thousand dollars on or about May 8th 2022. The purpose of this personal loan was for: To start a new small business.

*The undersigned hereby affirms that the statements made in the foregoing affidavit are true. Affiant further sayeth nought.*

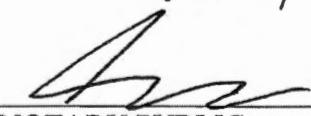
NAME: NADER ALBAHR  
ADDRESS: 6871 AMES RD  
Parma  
SIGNATURE: 

NOTARY PUBLIC

Before me personally appeared Nader Albahr who sworn to and subscribed to the above in my presence this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.



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